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News Release

HPD Officer Teaches D.A.R.E. in Another Country

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An employee within the Harrisonburg Police Department recently traveled many miles to teach in another country.

D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance and Education) Officer Mike Gangloff traveled to the Kingdom of Bahrain to teach Bahrain police officers about the D.A.R.E. Program.

Gangloff's training team consisted of four other D.A.R.E. mentors from across the country, a facilitator, and an educator.

A total of 27 Bahrain police officers graduated from the training and are now prepared to provide elementary, middle, and kindergarten lessons to the children of their country.

Officer Gangloff said, "It was an honor to visit Bahrain. The best part was working with the officers and visiting the local schools. I realized that even though we were halfway around the world, kids are the same everywhere and D.A.R.E. can help them build bright futures."

This is not the first time HPD has been recognized internationally. Gangloff has traveled to Japan twice to also train military police.

Gangloff's entire trip was paid for by the Bahrain government.

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